Here is a true and juſt account of a moſt

HORRID

And

BLOODY PLOT,

Conſpired againſt his moſt Sacred

MAJESTY

And his Royal

HIGHNES

By the wicked Contrivances of Colonel John Rumſay, Richard Nelthorp, Edward Wade, *Richard* Goodenough, *Captain* Walcot, William Thompſon, James Burton, and William Hone.

Since which time there is an account that Colonel John Rumſay *is taken, and hath been upon his Examination.*

NOtwithſtanding the unparaleld clemency, of our moſt Gracious Sovereign, *Charles* the Second, by the Grace of God, King of *England, Scotland, France,* and *Ireland,* Defender of the Faith. Such is the inſatiate deſire of never ſatisfied malignant Spirits, that they cannot be contented to live peaceably under the Government of a renowned Prince, the very pattern of pity, and mercy, but moſt wickedly, and maliciouſly conſpire, and contrive the death of their Prince, the ruine of the Nation, and the loſs of their own Souls, as may appear by the following lines, which give perfect teſtimony of the horrid deſign and bloody Plot, deſigned to be carried on by the wicked contrivance of theſe Barbarous and Inhumane Wretches. Namely *John Rumſay,* Colonel, *Richard Rumbold* Miniſter, *Richard Nelthorp* Eſquire, *Edward Wade* Gentleman, *Richard Goodenough* Gentleman, Captain *Walcot*, *William Thompſon*, *James Burton*, and *William Hone* Joyner, who, as it is teſtified upon Oath, did moſt Traiterouſly, and Villainouſly deſign the death of his moſt Sacred Majeſty, and not contented with the blood ſucking of a Monarch, ſo matchleſly merciful, did alſo contrive the murther and deſtruction of his Royal Higneſs, *James* Duke of *York.* But being by Divine Providence, interpoſed in their wicked deſign, and prevented of the evil hatch'd in the infernal lake, by a happy and timely diſcovery of their dreadful enterprize, they fearing that Juſtice, the continual purſuivant of ſuch inhumane Conſpirators, ſhould overtake, and lay hold of their Rebellious Contrivances, have, for the prevention thereof, abſented their habitations, and abſconded themſelves, which gives a clear and large Demonſtration of their Guilt.

And it is very likely, his Majeſty, will, by, and with, the advice of his moſt Honourable Privy Council, iſsue forth a *Proclamation* for the apprehending of the Malefactors above named, that they may be brought to the Bar of Juſtice, to receive the reward due to their Conſpiracies.

And theſe perſons ſo diſcovered, and brought to condign puniſhment, I hope may be an Example to all others for the future, to forbear and abhore ſuch bloody Contrivances, and inhumane Barbarity, as to Conſpire the death of a Prince, moſt Merciful, Gracious, and Pitiful: but the Malignancy of theſe, and ſuch like Rigicides, cannot, nor will not be forgotten, by any Loyal Subject, though they may be puniſhed according to the heinouſneſs of the Crime: I wiſh with all my heart it may be the laſt Plot that may ever be conſpired againſt our Soveraign, whoſe mercies are daily manifeſted to many offenders, and whoſe virtues are as much admired, as their impudence wondred at, who do or ſhall ever attempt ſuch enormities, againſt the pattern of Princelie Monarchs.

It is much to be minded and obſerved, how graciouſlie God hath been pleaſed to protect and preſerve our Soveraign King from the bold and deſperate attempts of his Conſpireing Enemies, who, wanting Grace and the Fear of God, would audaciouſlie preſume, and venture on the moſt execrable murther *of* the moſt merciful *P*rince the World could ever boaſt *of*. But if we look back upon the Eye of *P*rovidence, we cannot but ſee the great, and particular kindneſs, our moſt bleſsed Creator hath for our moſt Gracious King: what a miraculous preſervation was that at *Worceſter*, when a *P*rince of the greateſt Splendour in *Europe* was forced by the rebellious (though then prevailing partie) to take up his Lodging in an *Oaken Tree*, only accompanied ſometimes with a few Loyal Nobles, who like worthie Souls, were free to participate of the deplorable ſorrows his Majeſtie then met with? What ſtrange and wonderful deſigns have been ſince, ſeveral times contrived againſt him, whom the Heavens have preſerved: but we may conclude with this Ancient *P*roverb, *Si Deus pro nobis quis contra nos?* and it is undoubtedlie true, that he that ſheweth mercie, ſhall alſo find mercie; it hath ſo happened to our *S*overaign. And I hope the mercies of the moſt high will ſtill continue to him, and be multiplied more, and more, that our poor Nation, too much divided by Faction, may be bleſsed by the long continuance *of* an unparraleld Monarch, whoſe clemencie is to be amired, whoſe mercie is to be praiſed, and whoſe Enemies hope will be *defeated*. And thoſe that ſhall either attempt, or at leaſt imagine the leaſt harm to his *P*rincelie perſon, may they be utterlie *confounded* in their evil deſigns againſt him: that poor *England* may again Flouriſh as *before*, that hath latelie been incumbred with prodigious Conſpirators, hatching ſuch wicked and helliſh Contrivances, that 'tis a ſhame to all Loyal perſons to reiterate, or rather to harbour in the ſecret Corners *of* their Loyal hearts.

And I think no reaſonable perſon can reckon leſs than ſevere puniſhment to be the *P*ortion allotted *for* them: and it is undoubtedlie a dutie incumbent upon all perſons to endeavour *to* make a *diſcovery of* theſe Malefactors, which will be a piece of good Service to the Nation, and unqueſtionablie will be well rewarded by his Majeſtie, who was ever, and wil be ſtill an encourager of well doers, and who can do more for a Prince, then to ſtudie how to detect the Villains that ſhall ſo impudentlie undertake a deſign ſo monſtrous, ſo inhumane, and ſo diabolical? But ſuch is the unreaſonableneſs and ſordid diſpoſition of ſome ill qualified, and ill tempered perſons, that whereas they ſhould be won by the clemencie and favourable kindneſs of an obliging Prince, that they on the contrary, are rather imboldned to preſume to the greateſt hight of impudence that can poſſibly be imagined, and in ſtead of being won to a dutiful obedience, are more and more animated to all kind of miſchief, that the Devil, and an ill Conſcience, can find out, or invent: nor can the affability of an endearing Monarch make any impreſſion on obdure and impenetrable hearts, but they ſtill perſiſt in their beaſtly and rude behaviours, till time and providence, bring them too late to repent, of their unjuſt, and wicked practices.

Here is alſo an undoubted aſſurance of the apprehending of Collonel John Rumſey *who was ſeized and examined, of which proceedings, we will give you a more perfect account by the next.*

Windſor June *the* 21*ſt* 1683, *This day the Sheriff, and common Serjeant of* London, *by the expreſs Command of the Lord Mayor, and the Court of Aldermen, in purſuance of an Order of Common Council, waited on His moſt gracious Majeſtie, and with all Submiſſion, moſt humbly acquainted him that the Common Council, had agreed to acquieſce with the Regulations required by His Majeſty, and had deferred the Election of Sheriffs, and other Officers, which uſually were choſen on* Midſummer-day, *until the* 18*th of* July *next.*

So I conclude, with my Prayers for the preſervation of his Majeſty, and his Royal Highneſs, that no Traitor may ever Aſſaſſinate, or ever have power to prejudice their Princely Perſons, and ſo leaving Them to the Tuition of the Omnipotent, *I conclude with a* Vive le Roy, *or long live the King.*

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ACCOUNT

Of the Diſcovery of the

NEW PLOT,

Made manifeſt by ſeveral of the Conſpirators Conveened before His Majeſties moſt Honourable Privy Council at *Hampton Court* on the 23. of this Inſtant *June* 1683.

NO Wonder if Sacred Princes, Vice-gerents to the King of kings, are Heavens peculiar care, ſince Wicked Men ſo frequently are Combin'd (with the Powers of Darkneſs, in malice to Him that Inſtituted them by His Eternal Decree to Govern the Inferiour World) do diſturb their Reign, and Conſpire their Hurt; but in vain are all the Machinations and Devices of a Turbulent Faction, who ſeek to overthrow the Eſtabliſhed Government; which is Heavens peculiar Care, though like Bulls in Baſſian, they have puſhed for ſome years paſt, to overthrow Great-Britains Monarchy, yet have their Devices been brought to nought, as appeared by the late Diſcovery, when Ignoramus Juries were brought as Salvo's, yet the Eyes of the Nation were too open to be deceived with ſhaddows, Spectrums, or Fantoms, when apparent Truth preſented her ſelf in her Native ſhape, and much more now, ſince a more then ordinary Diſcovery hath been made by ſuch who were in the Combination againſt the beſt of Kings, who is indeed, next Heaven, our only Refuge, and the Breath of our Noſtrils; a Prince ſo Good, ſo Bounteous, and ſo juſt, that Heaven thought him only fit to Rule ſo great a People.

But to the purpoſe, ſome days ſince, Depoſitions having been made by one Keeling (who, as Heaven would have it, was altogether reſtleſs till he had Diſmboged the dire Secret) that a Hellish and Damnable Conſpiracy had for a long time been Brooding, and carried on by ſeveral of the Diſaffected Party, many of whom he Named, and depoſed likewiſe the ſeveral Circumſtances, ſo far as his Knowledge Retained, that attended the Damnable Conſpiracy, no doubt laid deep to deprive true Loyaliſts of all they hold dear on this ſide Heaven; upon which Depoſition, one Mr. Weſt, a Councellor at Law, and one who formerly was Active in the behalf of Stephen Colledge, had his Chamber Seized by Order of the Secretary of State, and divers Papers ſecured by the Officers Imployed to that purpoſe, many of which contained matters of dangerous Conſequence, tending to the countenancing Sedition and Rebellion, &c. Upon notice of which, he, the ſaid Mr. Weſt, Councellor at Law, for ſome time abſconded himſelf; but being moved by the ſence of his unnatural Combination againſt his Soveraign, he expreſſed a deep, and paſt doubt, an unfeigned ſorrow for his offence, which he diſcovering to his Father in Law, who is doubtleſs a man of unbyaſſed Principles, he adviſed him to throw himſelf at the Feet of that Majeſty, which in ſo high a Nature he offended, but he not daring to approach ſuch Innate Goodneſs, againſt whom he had cauſeleſly conſpired, before his Attonement was in ſome meaſure made, he by his Agents, if not in Perſon, applyed himſelf to the worthy, (and of unqueſtionable Loyalty) Sir George Jefferies chief juſtice of the Countie Palatine of Cheſter, and his Majeſties Serjeant at Law, &c. Humblie beſeeching him to Interceed with His Majeſtie, that Fountain of Mercie, for his Pardon, und confiding in ſuch his Interceſſion, and His Majeſties never failing compaſſion, to thoſe that ſincerelie confeſs their Offences, he

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surrendred himself into the hands of Justice, and this day being the 23d of this Instant June, *attended the Honourable Privie Council (for that and other Important considerations) Assembled at* Hampton Court, *upon Examination he laid open (according to our best information) the Hellish Conspiracie against the Person of his most Sacred Majestie, and his Royal Highness, the illustrious Prince* James *Duke of* York, *in order to the overthrow of* Monarchy, *and all that can be called dear to Loyal and Peaceful Subjects, in which divers of the disaffected had involved themselves. I shall endeavour to shew you the true Narrative of Honourable and Credible Persons, this Plot was to be Acted (as we hear) by the Whiggish Partie, when the King came from* Newmerkat *last, and the manner of their attact was this, at* Hodsdeen, *which is betwixt* Newmercat *and* London, *there is a strait passage, through which two Coaches cannot pass at one, and Hedged on each side, and they for a Stratagem, had designed two Carts to meet the Kings Coaches in the Lane, which would undoubtedlie cause a stop, and whilst the King stopped, they were to unloaden eight or a dozen of Blunderbusses in the King and Dukes Coaches, but as the wonderful Providence of God ordered it, His Majestie left* Newmercat *sooner then ordinarie by two Weeks, by reason of the violent Fire which happened there at that time: which Conflagration caused his Majestie and Royal Highness to depart, and take their way to* Cambridge: *In this design many were involved, as by some Papers Seized appears, and upon discoverie of which, divers are fled, nor cannot be yet found, divers Messengers have been Impowered to apprehend them, and of this pernicious number,* Mr. Goodenough *late under Sheriff for the Citie of* London, *&c. Is shrewdly suspected for one, as also a Lawers Son of note, but till the wisdom of the Nation (in Council assembled) make a further Progress in this happie and timely discoverie; I shall acquiesce, wishing that all such, as either in thought or deed attempt the hurt of His most Sacred Majestie, may undergoe the Punishment due to the worst of Traytors.*

His Majestie being satisfied of the Truth of this Conspiracie against His Sacred Person, and the Person of his Royal Brother, caused His Proclamation to be Issued forth, Commanding these Conspirators, viz. *Collonel* John Rumsie, Richard Rumbal, Richard Nelthrop, Edward Wade, Richard Goodenough, *Captain* Walcot, William Thompson, James Burton, *and* William Hone, *to render themselves to his Judges, Justices, &c. Strictlie forbidding anie of his Subjects to conceal, harbour, or releave them; and that whosoever shall apprehend anie of them, and put them into the hands of Justice, shall receive for each so apprehended, One hundred pound as a Reward.*

Entred according to Order.

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